Focus

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Morton Grove Public Library

All Ages Connect During National Library Week

This year, **National Library Week, April 13 - 19**, celebrates the many ways libraries and librarians serve children with the theme, "Kids Connect @ the Library." Here at MGPL, the emphasis will be on the ways libraries and librarians serve people of all ages. Start off the week with the monthly feature film, *Shine*, which will be shown on Monday, April 14. Tuesday's Lunch Time Movies at 11:30 a.m. will feature a behind-the-scenes tour of the Library of Congress. Wednesday is Log on @ the Library Day, with 30-minute one-on-one appointments on the Internet. (Reserve your space starting April 1.) On Friday, April 18 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Library offers a special hands-on demonstration of the Magni-Cam, a hand held electronic magnifier which aids people with low vision and connects to any television set. Please call the Library for more details. The sixth annual Children's Circus of Books will be held Saturday, April 19. (See page three for story.) The celebration of National Library Week continues through Sunday, April 20, with a concert by the Morton Grove Park District Jazz Band.

Michael Hurley (left) and Ray Magiera

Friendly Staff Keeps Library Clean During Snowy Winter Months

After the icy, slushy winter months, we would like to offer thanks to the MGPL staff who keep us tidy day-in and day-out. Head custodian, **Ray Magiera**, works weekdays with assistant **Michael Hurley** starting their day around 7 a.m. **Pete Gerardo** handles the weekday evenings while **Matthew Knapp** works weekends.

Ray has been with MGPL for 11 years, coming from Fujitsu Electronics and before that the restaurant business. A resident of Morton Grove, he and his wife of nearly 45 years have one son and four daughters. "The most satisfying thing about this job is the daily challenges," says Ray. "The problems are different each day."

Michael has been with the Library for 21 years. "I like working with Ray and I enjoy the people here," he says. Mike is well known around town. He enjoys visiting his friends at the Fire and Police Departments and at O'Hare.

Pete says the Library offers the"perfect job" for him since he loves reading and music.

Matthew is newest to the custodial staff and spends his time off restoring his 1985 Trans Am.

Uncover Hidden Treasures on Your Next Library Visit

Besides books, cassettes, CDs and videos, the Library offers many resources that are hidden treasures. All of these resources are free and available just by coming in to the Library.

Try that new CD on the **Cassette/CD player** located next to the new books shelves. Headphones may be checked out at the Circulation Desk. Try the speedy **rewinder** for videos that need rewinding.

Use the new, green **baskets** for to collect books, tapes and videos for checkout. The Children's Department offers blue baskets for the same purposes. Why not check out a basket of books today?

In the Children's Department, look for a **game**, **puzzle** or **toy** for kids to try.

Prices start at 10¢ for the ongoing **sale** of books, magazines and books on tape.

Commuters can check the **Metra paperback rack** at the station for a book.

The Library offers both a **PC** and a **Mac** with software and printers. And get rid that space-eating **typewriter**, since the Library has one to use.

Spend a quiet afternoon in the **reading room,** with subscriptions to newspapers and magazines from the *AARP News Bulletin* to *Yankee*. The Library subscribes to magazines in Chinese and Korean.

The Children's Department offers subscriptions for 35 different magazines.

Stop in soon to see what other hidden treasures are waiting to be discovered.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Closed Sunday, March 30 for Easter

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

March			
3/4	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/10	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Michael Collins* (R)
3/11	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/12	We	7:00	Arthritis
3/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
3/14	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
3/16	Su	2:00	Concert: Mark Valenti
3/18	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/25	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/25	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *When Elephants Weep* by J. Moussaief Masson
3/30	Library Closed for Easter		
April			
4/1	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/8	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/9	We	7:00	Gardening with Bulbs
4/10	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
4/11	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK			
4/14	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Shine* (PG-13, 105 min.)
4/15	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/16	We	by appt.	Log-on @ the Library Day
4/18	Fr	11:00 2:00	Magni-Cam demonstration
4/19	Sa	1:00	Circus of Books
4/20	Sun	2:00	Concert: MG Park District Jazz Band
4/22	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/22	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: Title to be announced
4/29	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Check our complete calendar on the Web at *http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/mgpl/calcurr.html*

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Programs

March

Arthritis: Types, Treatments & What's New – Dr. Eric Ruderman, arthritis specialist with Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, presents the most current treatments for the aches and pains of this problem that affects one in three Illinois families. **Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.**

Concert: Mark Valenti – The monthly concert for March features classical pianist Mark Valenti. His program includes pieces by Robert Schumann, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Felix Mendelssohn, Bela Bartok, J.S. Bach and Claude Debussy. Mr. Valenti received his Master of Music from Northwestern University and has performed in France, Belgium, Hungary and Spain as well as for former First Lady Barbara Bush. Formerly Assistant Professor at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and Instructor at the Loire Valley Music Institute in France, Mr. Valenti currently serves as a member of the piano faculty at the Music Center of the North Shore in Winnetka. **Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.**

Pianist Mark Valenti performs Sunday, March 16 at MGPL

April

Gardening with Bulbs – Author JoAnn Loebel answers questions on caring for bulbs. She gives tips on choosing the right varieties, storing, and forcing bulbs for year-round enjoyment. **Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m.**

Concert: Morton Grove Park District Jazz Band – Hear the Big Band sound of the Morton Grove Park District Jazz Band under the direction of Ron Surace. Come for an afternoon of the great music of Count Basie, Woody Herman, and Benny Goodman! **Sunday, April 20 at 2 p.m.**

Kids Programs

Enter the Children's Art Contest

Morton Grove children: Get out your crayons, markers, or paints for the 24th annual Children's Art Contest. Any Morton Grove child, pre-school through grade six, may submit original artwork in any medium on unlined paper by June 1. The winning entries will be hung in the west stairway.

Battle of the Books New Season Update

The Park View team, PageMasters II, won the 4th, 5th & 6th grade Battle of the Books. East Prairie, St. Martha's, and Golf also competed. East Prairie, Golf, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Park View are participating in the 7th & 8th grade Battle of the Books which began in February. Come cheer on the teams **Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.**

Dinosaur Magic Appears in Children's Room

Look for the latest reading game "Dinosaur Magic" to begin March 24. Read books about dinosaurs or magic, then see magician Robert Miller perform his Dinosaur Magic show on **Saturday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m.**

Everyone's a Winner at the MGPL Circus of Books

Ladies and Gentlemen! Boys and Girls! It's time for the sixth annual Circus of Books. Stop in at the MGPL Big Top on **Saturday, April 19 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.** for the best show on earth!

Fortunetelling and face painting will be part of the fun. Enjoy favorite tales with the storyteller and take a chance at the raffle. Play carnival games for prizes and delight in the antics of a clown in the center ring. Everyone will go home with something!

Stop in the refreshment booth for some fresh popcorn and pink lemonade. Pick up a free ticket booklet at the Circulation Desk on Saturday before the circus!

Ringmaster and Assistant Children's Librarian Ronnie Rund (left) leads the way for the Circus of Books.

Children's Classes

Spring session begins the week of March 24, 1997. Enrollment is limited. Morton Grove children whose names are on a waiting list will be given priority placement in the following session's classes. Enrollment for available openings begins March 3 for MG residents and March 10 for non-residents. Walk-in registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Phone registration will be taken after 9:30 a.m.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday 10:30 am
Friday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Monday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Looking for a 1040?

The Library does not carry federal or state tax forms. They may be obtained by visiting the following offices or Internet sites:

Internal Revenue Service
8125 River Drive, Suite 103
Northgrove Corporate Park
(off Lehigh, north of Oakton)
Morton Grove, IL 60053
(847)581-2160 or (800) 829-1040
http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/

Illinois Department of Revenue
(Old Maine North High School)
9511 W. Harrison Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 294-4215 or (800) 624-2459
http://www.revenue.state.il.us

Local History Room Seeks Yearbooks

The Local History Room is putting out a call for high school yearbooks to fill gaps in the collection.

If you are doing some spring cleaning and find you no longer need your yearbook, donate it to the Local History Room to complete the collection. Volumes needed are

Niles East: 1945 - 1950, 1962

Niles North: 1971, 1980

Niles West: 1965 - 1968, 1973 - 1975, 1977, 1978, 1982

Films

March

Michael Collins (R) Liam Neeson stars as the Irish revolutionary who gathered volunteers to fight against the 700-year British rule. Aidan Quinn and Julia Roberts also star.
Mon. 3/10 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00

April

Shine (PG-13 105 min) Australian pianist David Helfgott had a promising career, but the iron fist of his Polish father, a Holocaust survivor, contributed to his breakdown and institutionalization. Today, Helfgott has triumphed over his dark time.
Mon. 4/14 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 1 1/2 hour video program.

New Books Showcase

Beyond the latest bestsellers, the Library staff presents New Books Showcase the second Friday of each month. Join us for a look at what's new. If you can't make it, pick up a list of titles at the Library or visit the New Books Showcase at our Virtual Reader's Service Desk on the Web: http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/mgpl/rsdesk.html
Fridays 3/14 and 4/11 at 10 a.m.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book group, meets March 25 to discuss *When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Life of Animals* by J. Moussaief Masson. The title for April 22 is to be announced. Roberta Johnson leads the group which meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.**

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Reference Round-up

Are you planting your sweet peas on St. Patrick's Day? Do you always plant marigolds near tomatoes? When you cut poppies do you singe the end of the stem? Garden folklore isn't always as strange as it might sound. There is often scientific evidence to support these traditions. *The Old Farmer's Almanac* is often the resource that we consult to find these gardening superstitions, such as the lunar planting calendar or the frost and growing calendar.

The Reference collection has a wonderful new resource: *Gardener's Desk Reference: The Ultimate Resource for Everything a Gardener Could Ever Want to Know.* This resource contains practical information about planting, crop rotation, mail order resources, botanical gardens, and plant societies.

The DK Publishing Group is known for its outstanding Eyewitness series. It now has a group of gardening handbooks that certainly lives up to this series' reputation. *Roses, Garden Trees, Perennials,* and *Shrubs & Climbers* are four titles that should answer any gardener's questions. These photographic guides are indexed by type, size, season of interest, and color.

If you're just starting to plan a garden, or are looking for some new ideas, be sure to check out the new *Gardening Pathfinder* on the MGPL Web site at **http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/orrs/gardening.html**.

This pathfinder, compiled by Reader's Services staff member Eric Robbins, includes books, magazines, audiotapes, videos, and software titles that the Library owns. It also includes local resources and Internet addresses for gardening sites.

Happy planting!

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